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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 March 13, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM PROPOSITION 84 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt Resolutions, as required by the California River Parkways Grant Program under Proposition 84, approving the submittal of applications for funding the North Valleyheart Riverwalk and the Pacoima Spreading Grounds River Parkway Projects by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as well as to provide authorization to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents required in connection with each grant application.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to submit a grant application to the State of California Resources Agency for funding under the California River Parkways Grant Program for the North Valleyheart Riverwalk Project, and to conduct all negotiations and prepare and submit all documents and other information required in connection with the grant application.

2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to submit a grant application to the State of California Resources Agency for funding under the California River Parkways Grant Program for the Pacoima Spreading Grounds River Parkway Project, and to conduct all negotiations and prepare and submit all documents and other

information required in connection with the grant application.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt the enclosed Resolutions to enable the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or her designee to carry out the activities described above, which include applying for California River Parkways Grant Program funding in the amounts of \$1,824,000 and \$2,904,900 to assist with the construction of the North Valleyheart Riverwalk Project and the Pacoima Spreading Grounds River Parkway Project, respectively.

The North Valleyheart Riverwalk Project includes landscaping, interpretive/education signage, and improvements to the existing pedestrian access and trail within the LACFCD right of way along the north bank of the Los Angeles River.

The Pacoima Spreading Grounds River Parkway Project consists of integrating a passive recreation park space on an existing groundwater recharge facility. The project will convert the existing headworks for the Pacoima Spreading Grounds into a passive recreation park with a naturalistic stream.

The grant program requires the governing board of the applicant to adopt a Resolution approving the filing of a grant application and making certain certifications. The enclosed Resolutions have been prepared to conform to these requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by strengthening the County's fiscal capacity by actively seeking external funding sources and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by providing increased open space and recreation facilities for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

If the grant applications are approved, we will return to your Board to accept each grant award and execute the respective grant Agreements. If your Board accepts each grant award, the grant funds will partially offset the estimated cost to complete the North Valleyheart Riverwalk and the Pacoima Spreading Grounds River Parkway Projects, including design and contract administration in the amount of \$2,883,600 and \$5,844,600, respectively.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The California River Parkways Grant Program is intended to fund river projects that protect and restore riparian and riverine habitat and provide recreational, open space, flood management, and water-quality benefits.

The North Valleyheart Riverwalk Project seeks to revitalize the LACFCD right of way along the north bank of the Los Angeles River. The scope of this project includes native vegetation landscaping, irrigation, hardscape, pedestrian access and trail improvements, construction of access ramps

meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines, and interpretive/education signage. The project is identified as a recommended improvement in the Los Angeles River Master Plan adopted by your Board in 1996.

The Pacoima Spreading Grounds River Parkway Project proposes to convert the existing headworks for the Pacoima Spreading Grounds into passive recreation open space with a naturalistic stream. The project will allow operation and maintenance of the Pacoima Spreading Grounds to continue while adding a recreational benefit to the area. The project will also include recreational trails along the perimeter of the spreading grounds, native landscaping, interpretive signage, and amenities such as picnic benches and rest areas.

The Department of Public Works will return to your Board for approval to advertise and award the construction contract for each of the proposed projects.

Each enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The submittal of each grant application does not constitute a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Once each project is constructed, the projects will enhance water quality, restore habitat, and provide passive recreational opportunities for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and three signed copies of the Resolutions to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

3/13/2012

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, APPROVING THE
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS
GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND
SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, AND RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION
BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is proposing to implement a project known as the North Valleyheart Riverwalk Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project is eligible for grant funds authorized under Proposition 84; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program authorized under Proposition 84 and for establishing procedures for implementing the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State of California Resources Agency require that an applicant's governing board certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if the application is approved, the applicant will be required to enter into an Agreement with the State of California pertaining to the use of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the LACFCD, hereby;

1. Approve the filing of an application for grant funds under the Proposition 84 Grant Program for the Project;
2. Certifies that the LACFCD understands the assurances and certification in the application;
3. Certifies that the LACFCD will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project consistent with the land tenure requirements or will secure the resources to do so;
4. Certifies that the Project will be constructed in compliance with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code, as applicable.
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By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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